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KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



Date: October 24 2013
Complaint Number: 13-147083
Type of Incident: Homicide
Reporting Officer:
Supervisor Approval: Sergeant Heather Martin

UPDATED INFORMATION

On October 24, 2013, The Kent County Prosecutor's Office authorized the charge of Open Murder against Scott Hammer. Bond will be determined at Hammer's arraignment.

Original Information:

On October 23, 2013, at approximately 6:30 AM, Kent County Sheriff Deputies were sent to a residence on Lincoln Lake Road in Spencer Township in reference to a possible homicide. Upon arrival deputies discovered 29-year-old Danielle Scholton-Linderman, deceased.

Scholton-Linderman and her live-in boyfriend, 51-year-old, Scott Hammer, were staying with family at the Lincoln Lake address while their residence was being renovated. Some time early the morning of Wednesday, October 23, 2013, a struggle ensued between Scholton-Linderman and Hammer, which resulted in Scholton-Linderman's death.

Hammer fled the Lincoln Lake address and went to 3360 Wise Road, Sheridan Township, Montcalm County, where he and Scholton-Linderman had been renovating an old farmhouse. Hammer intentionally set the farm house on fire.

Scott Hammer is in custody at the Kent County Correctional Facility and will be charged with the death of Danielle Scholton-Linderman. The Arson is being investigated by the Montcalm County Sheriff's Office and the Michigan State Police Fire Marshall.

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